GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite massive investments made over the various plan periods, the position of the drinking water in rural areas is far from satisfactory;

(b) the break up of allocation and actual expenditure made during the last five years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make the programme under the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission for rural water supply more sustainable?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A.RAJA)

(a): Due to increased investment in the rural water supply sector over various Plan periods, the coverage, as on 1.4.2000, of the rural habitations, with drinking water facilities on the basis of present norms, as per the latest information received from the State Governments is as under:

Total Number of habitations	Not Covered habitations	Partially Covered habitations	Fully Covered habitations
1422664	27443	222493	1172728

However, the ground position may be different due to:

(i) Increase in population / number of habitations.

(ii) Systems having outlived their life span or becoming defunct due to poor maintenance.

(iii) Sources going dry due to depletion of ground water level.

(iv) Sources have become quality affected.

(b): A statement giving Statewise break up of allocation and actual expenditure made during the last 5 years is at annexure.

(c): Reforms in the rural water supply sector has been introduced to institutionalise community participation in the rural water supply programme, with a view to make the schemes implemented under the programme more sustainable.